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DRABA MACOUNII
MACOUN'S DRABA

Macoun's Draba is a low perennial with a few to many leafless stems that are 1-4 cm high, originating from leaf rosettes that arise from the ends of a simple or branched rootcrown. The broadly lance-shaped leaves are 6-10 mm long and are glabrous to sparsely covered with branched hairs; the leaves have long straight hairs on the entire margins. The stalked flowers are borne at the tops of the stems in a compact inflorescence. Each flower has 4 separate sepals, 4 separate, white petals, and 4 long and 2 short stamens. The style is ca. 0.5 mm long. The glabrous, flattened, broadly elliptic capsules are 4-8 mm long and are borne on ascending or spreading stalks. Flowering in July.

The relatively broad leaves, compact inflorescence, and wide capsules help separate this species from *D. LONCHOCARPA*, a more common white-flowered species. A hand lens or microscope and technical key are needed for positive identification.